training programmes in food processing through Central/State Governments/ Organizations, R&D Institutes, Universities, State Nodal Agencies and NGOs. The objective of EDP is to enable trainees to establish commercially viable enterprises in food and agri processing sector by providing basic knowledge of project formulation and management including technology and marketing, motivating the trainees and instilling confidence in them, educating on the opportunities and financial assistance available and providing escort services to enable them to avail credit facilities from banks/financial institutions and other support services from the developmental organizations. The duration of the EDP is 4 weeks with a follow-up phase of 12 months with a financial grant of Rs.1.00 lakh.

Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance for Technology upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33 % subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States; Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Laskshadweep and ITDP Areas. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, J&K, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, assistance at still higher rates *i.e.* @50% upto Rs. 4 crores for promotion of new units and upto Rs.1 crore for up gradation/modernization of existing units is available for processing of horticultural produce.

Food parks in Orissa

2762. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up more food parks in Orissa, other than Khurda, which was approved in 2001-02, to be implemented by the Orissa Infrastructure Development Corporation; and

(b) the progress of the food park in Khurda and how much financial assistance has been given to the Corporation for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has approved financial assistance of Rs. 400 lakhs to Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) in 2001-02 for setting up of Food Park at Khurda, Orissa. The Ministry does not set up food parks on its own. The Ministry has already disbursed Rs. 200 lakhs to IDCO for Khurda Food Park. As per quarterly progress report (June, 2007), total expenditure of Rs. 502.45 lakhs has been made on the project. The works in respect of roads, drains, water supply, testing laboratory including planning and designing of Warehouse, Cold Storage and Cool room have been completed.